

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

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Pat M. Ahumada, Jr., Mayor

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas, in accordance with Article V, Section 12, of the Charter of said City, will convene **an Executive Session, Workshop and Special Meeting, on Monday, March 03, 2008, at 5:15 P.M., 5:45 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.** in the Commission Chambers, on the Second Floor of the Brownsville City Hall – Federal Building, located at 1001 East Elizabeth Street, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, 78520.

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WORKSHOP: 5:15 P.M.

- a) Discussion regarding alternative fuel. (Commissioner Charlie Atkinson – 15 min.)
- b) Discussion regarding minimum wage requirement for all contractors doing work for the City of Brownsville. (Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo – 15 min.)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:45 P.M.

- A) Discussion pursuant to Section 551.072, of the Texas Government Code, regarding real property. (Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)

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SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UNITED STATES PLEDGE * TEXAS PLEDGE

INVOCATION:

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ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A) Consideration and **ACTION** regarding the sale of all or part of the Brownsville Golf Course. (Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)

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1. *MAYOR'S REPORT*

2. *COMMISSIONERS' REPORT*

- 3. *PROCLAMATIONS:*** ***National Athletic Training Month***
(Mayor Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.)

Youth Art Month
(Commissioner Ricardo Longoria, Jr.)

- 4. *PRESENTATIONS:*** ***Employee of the Month***
(March 2008)

5. *PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:* ***PLEASE NOTE:***

- THE "PUBLIC COMMENT FORM" IS DESIGNATED FOR SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON A SUBJECT THAT IS NOT A PUBLIC HEARING.
- ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE – DO NOT DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION.
- THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES. (City Ordinance 2007-1090-D)
- THERE IS A THREE (3)-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER.
- NO **FORMAL** ACTION CAN BE TAKEN.
- FOR THE RECORD, THE SPEAKER **MUST IDENTIFY BY NAME** BEFORE SPEAKING.
- "PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS" ARE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS (on the day of the meeting).
- "PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS" MUST BE FILLED OUT AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY SECRETARY/STAFF **NO LATER THAN 6:00 P.M.** TO BE CONSIDERED/RECOGNIZED.
- "PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS" ARE NOT ACCEPTED AFTER 6:00 P.M.
- **POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS ARE NOT CONDUCTED DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.** [For further information, contact The Office of the City Secretary at 548-6001]

• **PRESENTATIONS:**

- **PERSONS/GROUPS SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT A PRESENTATION OR DISTRIBUTING HANDOUTS ASSOCIATED WITH A PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF SAME TO THE CITY SECRETARY FOR THE RECORD.**
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6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All consent Agenda Items listed are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

ITEMS No. "a" through "g"

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2008.
- b) Authorization for the following individuals to incur travel expense:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
Peter L. Goodman	Border Film Com.	San Monica, CA	April 8 – 13, 2008
Rebeca Castillo	BUS	Tyler, TX	March 18 – 21, 2008
Minerva G. Flores	BUS	Tyler, TX	March 18 – 21, 2008
Rodney Gomez	BUS	Tyler, TX	March 18 – 21, 2008
John E. Chosy	City Attorney	Austin, TX	March 5 – 7, 2008
Ben Nunez	Fire	Austin, TX	March 16 – 21, 2008
Gabriel Garza	Fire	Austin, TX	March 16 – 21, 2008
John Williamson	Municipal Court	Houston, TX	March 16 – 18, 2008
Ignacio Torteya, III	Municipal Court	Houston, TX	March 16 – 18, 2008
Skip Keller	Parks	San Angelo, TX	March 25 – 29, 2008
Mark Lund	Planning	Austin, TX	March 19, 2008
Allison Bastian	Planning	Austin, TX	March 5 – 7, 2008
Carlos L. Garcia	Police	Houston, TX	June 29 – July 3, 2008
Henry Etheridge	Police	Houston, TX	June 29 – July 3, 2008
Rolando Vasquez	Police	Houston, TX	June 29 – July 3, 2008
Miguel Sanchez	Police	Houston, TX	June 29 – July 3, 2008

- c) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-1100.46**, amending Ordinance Number 1100, by readopting the Heritage Plan; and dealing with related matters, including \$2000 penalties. (Peter L. Goodman – Heritage)
- d) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-1429-B** to consider the renaming of the FM 511/I-69 Overlay District to the O42 Trade and Commerce Development Overlay District. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

- e) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-010** to rezone, from Light Retail “F” (2CF) to Medium Retail “F” (3CF) Classification, Lot 1 Block 1 of St. Luke Corner Subdivision and Lot 1 Block 1 of Isabella Subdivision Section I located near East Price Road and Old Port Isabel Road. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

- f) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-010-S** to allow a Light Commercial Specific Use (used car lot 5C) in a Medium Retail “F” (3C) area, Lot 1 Block 1 of St. Luke Corner Subdivision and Lot 1 Block 1 of Isabella Subdivision Section I located near East Price and Old Port Isabel Road. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

- g) **APPROVAL** on **SECOND** and **FINAL READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-011-S** to allow a Medium Commercial Specific Use (dance hall 6C) in General Retail “G” (4CG) area, Lot 2 Block 1 of Black-Tye Subdivision located near Price Road and North Coria Street. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 7. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-1486** to extend the term of the Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee (DRAC) indefinitely from the date of this amendment. (Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo)

- 8. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-013** to rezone, from Medium Retail “G” (3CG) to Dwelling “G” (DG) Classification, Lot 14-A, 14-B and 14-C, Block 2 of El Valle Grande Subdivision, Section 1 Replat, located near Alton Gloor Boulevard and Madrid Avenue. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

- 9. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-014** to rezone, from Dwelling “Z” (DZ) to Medium Retail “G” (3CG) Classification, Lot 7 Block 6 of Cameron Park Subdivision located at 4627 Paredes Line Road, Brownsville, Texas. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

10. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-015-S** to allow a General Retail Specific Use (tire shop, 4C) in a Medium Retail (3C) area for Lot 4 Block 2 of Tandy's Corner Subdivision located near Highway 100 and FM 803. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
11. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 235-2008-601** to rezone, from Dwelling "A" (DA) to Medium Commercial "G" (6CG) Classification, Lots 13 thru 16 and Lots 31 thru 33 of Block 16 of Barreda Garden Subdivision located near FM 1732 and US Highway 281. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)
12. Public Hearing and **ACTION** on **FIRST READING** of **Ordinance Number 2008-1487** to abandon and close a portion of Taylor Avenue between University Boulevard and May Street, and to accept a new right-of-way alignment. (Carlos L. Lastra – Engineering)

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ACTION ITEMS:

13. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the removal of twenty-one (21) parking meters located at Taylor Avenue to make room for a new Music Education Building at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. (Robert Esparza – Traffic)
14. Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-030** in support of maintaining a higher minimum wage requirement for all contractors doing work for the City of Brownsville. (Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo) [TABLED 02/19/2008]
15. Consideration and **ACTION** to authorize the City Manager to hire the lobbying firm of Murray, Montgomery & O'Donnell of Washington, DC, to represent the City of Brownsville in City-related issues between March 4 and 7, 2008. (Charlie Cabler – City Manager)
16. Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-033** authorizing the granting of a utility easement on certain real property described as a 0.347 acre tract of land at the rear of the Brownsville Animal Shelter. (John E. Chosy – Assistant City Attorney)

17. Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-032** authorizing the filing of grant applications with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) for Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 Regional Solid Waste Grant Programs; authorizing the Public Health Department to act on behalf of the City of Brownsville in all matters related to the applications; and pledging that if a grant is received, the City of Brownsville will comply with the grant requirements of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the State of Texas. (Raul Villarreal – Health)

18. Consideration and **ACTION** on **Resolution Number 2008-034** reaffirming the commitment to voluntarily participate in the U.S. Department of Energy Builders Challenge to produce energy efficient high-performing affordable homes to review and recommend Green Building Program Standards for the City of Brownsville. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

19. Consideration and **ACTION** on adopting the policies for the Housing Replacement/Rehabilitation Program for the elderly and special need citizens. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

20. Consideration and **ACTION** on adopting the policies for the Housing Rehabilitation Program for families of injured soldiers of the Iraq War. (Ben Medina, Jr. – Planning)

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PURCHASES/BIDS/CONTRACTS:

21. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for the Valley International Country Club (VICC) Pond Overflow Drain Improvement Project. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)

22. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for Capital Improvement Program CIP 2006 for street and drainage improvements, Contract Number 2. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)

23. Consideration and **ACTION** to award a contract for the purchase of one (1) new model TCM 425-100-DHE Pro-Patch pothole patcher for the Public Works Department. (Roberto C. Luna – Purchasing)

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ADJOURNMENT:

NOTE: The City Commission of the City of Brownsville reserves the right to discuss any items in Executive Session whenever authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code.

NOTE: The City of Brownsville does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of an accommodation is encouraged to contact the ADA Coordinator at 956/548-6037 (voice or Relay TX) by Monday, no later than 5:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

**By: Pat M. Ahumada, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Brownsville**

I certify that a copy of the March 03, 2008, Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville City Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at City Hall – Federal Building, on February 29, 2008. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the City's website and can be downloaded by accessing: www.cob.us/agendas.asp.



Estela Von Hatten, City Secretary